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Letter dated 17 February 2008 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to support the request contained in the letter of the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Serbia to the United Nations addressed to Your Excellency today for an emergency public meeting of the Security Council of the United Nations to consider the unilateral declaration of the independence by the Provisional Institutions of Self-government of the Serbian province of Kosovo and Metohija in violation of United Nations Security Council resolution 1244 and the territorial integrity of the Republic of Serbia.

In accordance with Rule 2 of the Provisional Rules of Procedure of the Security Council I have furthermore the honour to request you to convene such emergency public meeting of the Security Council in the afternoon of Monday, 18 February 2008, in view of the dangerous situation with grave damaging consequences for peace and security in the Balkans, norms and principles of international law and, in particular, of the United Nations Charter.

I would be grateful if the present letter were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Vitaly **Churkin**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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